

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 1 with the following amended claim.

1 (Twice Amended). An assay method for the determination of transcobalamin II cobalamin (holo-TCII) in a body sample, comprising contacting a cell free sample of a body fluid with an immobilized cobalamin or an analogue or fragment thereof which selectively binds the apo-forms of TC II and haptocorrin, and subsequently contacting said sample with an immobilised or immobilizable specific binding ligand for TC II or holo-TC II, separating a ligand bound fraction from a non-ligand bound fraction and measuring the (TC II or cobalamin) content of said ligand bound fraction.

C2 function of TCII and TCII

Not related back to preamble.

New matter

only binding holo-TC

112, 1st and 112, 2nd new matter.